(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the extent of land under the State Farm Corporation of India;

(d) what are the profits or losses of State Farms Corporation during the last three years; and

(e) whether State Farms Corporation of India maintains any farms in Andhra Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NONCONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Total land with SFCI at its farms is 36664 hact.

(d) Year-wise profit|loss of the Corporation for last three years are as under :

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Profit(+)/Loss(—)
1989-90	(+)90.44
1990-91	(+)141.62
1991-92	(+)208.15

(c) No, Sir.

LOSSES INCURRED BY NATIONAL SEEDS CORPORATION

2063. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Seeds Corporation has been incurring losses continuously for the last so many years;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such losses;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government had appointed Tata Consultants to suggest remedial measures to curb losses;

(d) if so, what are the recommendations of Tata Consultants; and

(e) whether Government propose to strengthen the functioning of the National Seeds Corporation in view of the entry of foreign seed companies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reasons for losses are as under :—

(i) Input prices and procurement prcies paid to seed growers without corresponding increase in the sale price of seed.

(ii) Increase in fixed overhead costs on account of allowances to the staff as per recommendations of High Power Pay Commission.

(iii) Heavy Interest burden.

(iv) Non-utilization of infrastructural facilities created under NSP-I and II due to cut back in production.

(v) Reduction in marketing segment of NSC due to competition from State Seed Corporations and private seed industry.

(vi) Excess staff.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The major recommendations of the Tata Consultants are :—

(i) Increase in production and marketing.

(ii) Revision in product mix.

(iii) Adjusting staff level to match the revised production and marketing activities.

(iv) Writing off accumulated losses to improve debt, equity ratio.

(e) Financial assistance has been extended by the Govt. of India under National Seeds Projects, Phase-III (N.S.P. III), a World Bank assisted project for improving the long-term viability of the Corporation, its restructuring and revitalisation.

Public Investment in Agriculture

2064. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to the Unstarred Question 536 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th April, 1993 and state :

(a) what is the percentage of the Public investment out of Rs. 1,48,800 crores proposed to be invested in agriculture during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) what are the likely sources of private investment;

(c) whether it is a fact that this proposed public investment during the Eighth Five Year Plan is less than the investment in agriculture in the Seventh Five Year Plan, at 1990-91 prices; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) The share of Public sector investment in total investment in agriculture during the Eighth Plan is 35 percent.

(b) Private investments in agriculture sector are made through assistance from institutional and non-institutional sources as also from farm business holders own savings.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

छोटे तथा सीमांत कृषकों को कृषि अनुसंधान का लाभ

2065 **डा. जिजेन्द्र कुमार जैन** :– क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान परिषद को वार्षिक केन्द्रीय बजट का कम आबंटन किया है और इसके फलस्वरुप परिषद् को कृषि अनुसंधानों का व्यपारिक रुप से उपयोग करके धन अर्जित करने की अनुमति प्राप्त हुई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि सरकार की उक्त नीति के परिणामस्वरुप किसान, विशेषकर सीमांत और छोटे किसान, जिनके पास कृषि क्षेत्र में निवेश हेतु धन लगभग नहीं के बराबर है, कृषि अनुसंधान के लाभ से वंचित रह जाएंगे; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो कृषकों के उक्त वर्ग को कृषि अनुसंधान का लाभ देने के संबंध में सरकार की योजना का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

गैर पारम्परिक ऊर्जा स्त्रोत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री एस. कृष्ण कुमार) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

(ग) भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान परिषद कृषि विज्ञान केन्द्रों, व्यावहारिक अनुसंधान प्रायोजनाओं राष्ट्रीय प्रदर्शनों और प्रयोगशाला से खेत तक कार्यक्रमों के द्वारा कृषि अनुसंधान के परिणामों को किसानों तक पहुचाती है और वास्तविक स्थितियों में उनको प्रदर्शित किया जाता है ।